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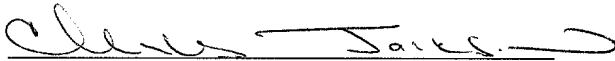
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
*Box Patent Application*

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before the first paragraph, please insert thereat:

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**--REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional application of allowed U.S. Application Serial No. 09/029,535, filed February 27, 1998, which is the National Stage application of international application PCT/GB96/02134 filed August 28, 1996, published as WO 97/07789 on March 6, 1997, and claims priority from British Application 9517622.8 filed August 29, 1995. Reference is made to U.S. Application Serial No. 10/061,044 filed January 30, 2002 which is a divisional of 09/029,535. Reference is also made to four additional applications, also filed as divisional applications of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/029,535 on February 22, 2002, application numbers to be assigned, (Attorney docket numbers 674543-2001.3, 674543-2001.4, 674543-2001.5 and 674543-2001.6).

The above-mentioned applications, as well as all documents cited herein and documents referenced or cited in documents cited herein, are hereby incorporated herein by reference.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 1-13, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

Please insert new claims 14-17, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

--14. (New) A method for inhibiting reductase activity of 11-Beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 1 (11-Beta HSD1) in an animal in need thereof in neuronal tissue of the animal comprising administering to the animal an inhibitor of said reductase activity of 11-Beta HSD1 in an amount effective to so inhibit the reductase activity of 11-Beta HSD1.

15. (New) A method for reducing intracellular glucocorticoid concentration in an animal in need thereof in neuronal tissue comprising inhibiting the reductase activity of 11-Beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 1 (11-Beta HSD1) in said tissue.

16. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein the inhibitor is carbenoxolone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the inhibitor is carbenoxolone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please accept the enclosed page entitled "Abstract".

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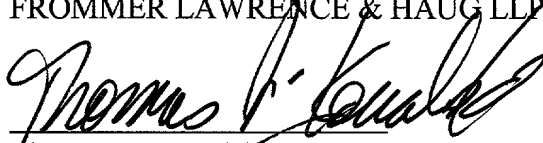
The amendments made herein serve to place the application in better form for prosecution by including the lineage of the application as well as by meeting the requirement for inclusion of an abstract on a separate sheet.

No new matter is added. The amendments to the claims find support throughout the specification.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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